

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 325

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jocelyn Waits on her success at the TISCA state meet.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those outstanding young student athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Jocelyn Waits of Cocke County High School, an athlete of extraordinary talent, skill, and dedication, who has proven herself a formidable swimmer; and

WHEREAS, for the second year in a row, Ms. Waits recently qualified and competed in the Tennessee Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (TISCA) state meet, where she placed forty-second in the butterfly and forty-eighth in the backstroke; and

WHEREAS, diagnosed at a young age with a low-grade scoliosis, Jocelyn Waits was first introduced to swimming, with a focus on backstrokes, as an alternative to wearing back braces or having rods placed in her back. She initially resisted the treatment before eventually learning to love the sport and competing, swimming for the first time competitively at the age of ten for a USA team out of Newport; and

WHEREAS, since beginning her swim career, she has continued to break her previous records and constantly improves on a regular basis. Ms. Waits attributes her improvements to the coaches she has had throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Waits epitomizes all that is good in today's student athlete, as she has achieved a high level of success in sports while evincing great character in all endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Jocelyn Waits has distinguished herself as an excellent athlete, and her achievements are a source of great pride for her family, her community, and her school, and it is

appropriate that we recognize this accomplished athlete upon her recent achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jocelyn Waits on her success at the TISCA state meet and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.